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RE: DALE FARM

Dear Candy,

I'm putting all this in the post to you as the best way of answering your questions re-planning etc.

1) Basildon Council Development Control Committee Agenda (24 Jan 2006) give planning process details re Dale Farm

We have three appeals a) Judicial Review (Lomax) of Basildon's decision to spent £2.9m evicting, b) appeal (Cox) against refusal of planning permission on seven yards at the centre of Dale Farm (call Jimmy Slattery 07796123201 for more on this if needed), c) appeal against Ruth Kelly's decision (Cox).

2) Report by Leader of the Council Malcolm Buckley (14 July 2005) show the financial difficulties they face over the proposed eviction.

Do you think Basildon/ Dale Farm residents could make a complaint to the Audit Commissions re this expenditure being "disproportionate"? Could you draft such a complaint in the required official language for Kathleen McCarthy, Richard and others to sign?

3) Letter to English Partnerships setting the ball rolling for a Planning Application for caravan park on their land.

4) You might like to contact Cliff and Janie Codona, who are no far from you in Norfolk. Janie is now a commissioner with the Commission for Racial Equality and Cliff is one of two UK representatives on the European Roma and Travellers Forum in Strasbourg (the other is Kay Beard of the UK Association of Gypsy Women 01928787570

One reason I mention this link is that IF we have to muster people to be present at an attempted eviction, you might be able to come

together as a group. Cliff has attended most of the big evictions (and Held on to his own caravan park for about five years - in Bedfordshire).

Joe and Bridie Jones, of Gypsy and Traveller Affairs and the Irish Travellers Movement 2006 are coming to Dale Farm on Tuesday next 12 March) with a member of CRE, and Joseph G. Jones may also be there.

We want to move forward on the Planning Application for the Pitsea site as this will help our chances at the JR (a).

You may not be able to travel down again so soon but when coming next by train, get one to Shenfield and then change onto a Southend train and get off at Wick ford (much easier). I could probably get on the same train at Colchester.

Expect we'll all be up and down this line as time goes on but I can't Make it to Norwich tomorrow (Sunday)